(b) The proposal submitted by the State Government seeks financial assistance for infrastructural facilities such as shop-cum-godown, auction platform, approach roads, fencing, office building, "water and sanitary facilities etc.

(c) A decision on the proposal will be taken after necessary consultations are completed.

Utilisation of Assets of PSUs by Ministry

2330. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "Ailing PSU's flat home to new Minister" appearing in 'Hindustan Times" dated 30th October, 1999 regarding the utilisation of assets of PSUs by the Ministry; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the news report published in the Hindustan Times dated 30th October, 1999. The Minister of State for Food Processing Industries was given temporary occupation of the flat belonging to Modern Food Industries (India) Limited (MFIL) till such time he was allotted a regular Government accommodation, on terms and conditions, as per the resolution of the Board of MFIL. No extensive repair or provision of furnishing, more than warranted, was made for the routine maintenance of the flat, the vehicles provided to the Minister for his official use had been in terms of the entitlement. The Minister has been allotted Government accommodation and has already vacated the flat of MFIL.

Assistance to Assam Agriculture University

2331. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: